

Whakarato Te Rohe Potae

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ELECTION OF TRUSTEES 22 FEBRUARY 2024



Io BRANSGROVE

I have been a Trustee on King Country Trust for the last four years and am seeking re-election. I live in Omori, Turangi permanently and have had an association with the area all my life. As well as serving on the King Country Trust my other roles include: Chair of Pihanga Health,

Turangi; Chair of Amplify (the economic development Agency for the Taupo/Turangi Mangakino area).

I have a Bachelor of Commerce (accounting) and an MBA. Previous roles include President of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Chair Consumer NZ, GM Corporate for NZ Trade and Enterprise, Commissioner for the Insurance and Financial services ombudsman and Cancer Society CEO.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to continue my role on the Trust. In particular, I would like to grow and enhance the investment base of the Trust and to increase distributions to the beneficiaries and King Country Trust community.



Adie DOYLE

Elected to the trust in 2016, I assumed the chair in 2017 and remained in that position until December 2023. Under my leadership, the fund has grown from \$42.20million to \$50.75million, while annual distributions rose by 75% to \$1.75million. I value good

governance and believe that the above returns are a direct result of sound decision making by all trustees in general, and strategic leadership by the chair in particular.

I introduced the distribution vision 'to make a significant difference to the lives of our consumers' and will continue to advocate for greater annual distributions making their way directly into your electricity account.

The Trust is now, in my opinion, at a watershed. My goal over the next four years would be to simplify trust business, reduce all trustees' remuneration and the number of meetings held, the net result being more money into your pocket.



Melissa JACKSON

BA, LLB, LLM(Hons), MInstD

As a former lawyer who now works in local government as a strategic planning and policy professional, I will bring a unique blend of legal and commercial acumen plus strategic planning and policy expertise to the King Country Trust.

At a national level, I am a Councillor of the New Zealand Game Animal Council. At a local level, I sit on committees of various community groups. I am also a Trustee of the Taumarunui High School & Community Trust, which owns and operates the Trust Waikato Community pool in Taumarunui.

I am a fifth generation Taumarunui area resident on my mother's side; now raising the sixth generation. On my father's side I am tangata whenua, with whakapapa links to multiple iwi of the King Country Trust district.

Your vote for me is a vote for a fresh, professionally qualified and experienced, community-focused approach to governance.



Peter TOPHAM

I'm Peter Topham. I am a Chartered Accountant and part owner and director of Peak Chartered Accountants based, in Taumarunui, where I have lived for 23 years. I worked in commercial and corporate banking for the first part of my career before spending time in the electricity industry, with King Country Energy before

becoming a Chartered Accountant.

My current community involvements include treasurer of both The Ruapehu Whanganui Rural Support Trust & Athletic Rugby & Sports Club and committee member of the Taumarunui Golf Club.

My motivation for standing is I see a significant opportunity for the trust to increase its involvement and support of our local communities and community organisations. I would like to add my commercial experience and expertise to assist the trust emerge as a meaningful supporter of our communities. My work background along with my community involvements gives me a unique perspective to contribute.